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I. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 11-23, 25-27, 31-37, 39, 41-43, 47-58, drawn to a product I and a method of using said product I, classified in class 424, subclass 94.64.

II. Claims 2, 4, 8-22, 24, 28-36, 38, 40, 44-47, 58, drawn yto a product II and a method of using said product II, classified in class 435, subclass 213.

III. Claims 59-62, drawn to a product III, classified in class 435, subclass 975.

IV. Claims 59, 63-65, drawn to a product IV, classified in class 435, subclass 810.

V. Claims 66-69, drawn to a method of using product V, classified in class 424, subclass 78.02.


Applicants respectfully traverse the foregoing restriction requirement. They respectfully submit that searching of all of the described groups would not unduly burden the resources of the Patent and Trademark Office. However, in the event that the restriction requirement is maintained, applicants provisionally elect group II of the above-mentioned groups, i.e., claims 2, 4, 8-22, 24, 28-36, 38, 40, 44-47, and 58.

The Office Action of March 23, 2000 further required the election of a single disclosed species from among the agents, cells and disorders claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse this election requirement in that they respectfully submit that prosecuting the full scope of the current application should not place an undue burden upon the Patent and Trademark Office. Notwithstanding this traverse, applicants respectfully provisionally elect the agent, "soybean derivative" as set forth in claims 9, 10, 29, 30, 45, 46, 64 and 65. Applicants further provisionally elect the cells, "keratinocytes", set forth in claims 12, 13, 32, 33, 48 and 49. Applicants also provisionally elect the disorder, "skin disorders", as set forth in claims 16, 17, 52 and 53.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirements set forth in the Office Action of March 23, 2000. Applicants respectfully request examination of the pending claims. An early allowance is earnestly solicited.

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